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Sanskrit in IIT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines regarding launch of Sanskrit courses in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to modernise Gurukuls in the country and to promote research on the Sanskrit and Vedic literature;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(e) the time by which modernisation work of Gurukuls in the country would be completed; and

(f) whether the structure of IITs has also been revised in the recent past and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) : Ministry of Human Resource Development commissioned a study on development of Sanskrit in various educational institutions under the Chairmanship of Shri N.Gopalaswami, former Chief Election Commissioner. The report of the Committee is available at http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Report-CVRM.pdf. The report inter-alia suggested that IITs may facilitate study of Science & Technology as reflected in Sanskrit literature along with inter-disciplinary study of Sanskrit and modern subject. Accordingly, IITs have been requested to teach Sanskrit language especially with reference to study of works which contain scientific knowledge.

(c) : No, Madam.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.

(f) : No, Madam.

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